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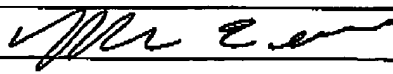
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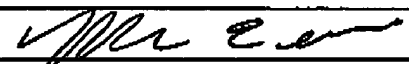
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International Patent Classification (IPC) or national classification and IPC C09D 7/00		
Applicant BASF COATINGS AG		

1. This international preliminary examination report has been prepared by this International Preliminary Examining Authority and is transmitted to the applicant according to Article 36.

2. This REPORT consists of a total of 2 sheets, including this cover sheet.

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- I ☒ Basis of the report
- II ☐ Priority
- III ☐ Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability
- IV ☐ Lack of unity of invention
- V ☒ Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement
- VI ☐ Certain documents cited
- VII ☐ Certain defects in the international application
- VIII ☐ Certain observations on the international application

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International application No. PCT/EP03/04767

I. Basis of the report

The basis of international preliminary examination report is the application as originally filed.

V. Reasoned statement under Rule 66.2(a)(ii) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability

In light of the documents cited in the international search report, it is considered that the invention as defined in the claims meets the criteria mentioned in Article 33(1) PCT, i.e. it appears to be novel and to involve an inventive step.

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(Artikel 36 und Regel 70 PCT)

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- I ☒ Grundlage des Berichts
- II ☐ Priorität
- III ☐ Keine Erteilung eines Gutachtens über Neuheit, erfinderische Tätigkeit und gewerbliche Anwendbarkeit
- IV ☐ Mangelnde Einheitlichkeit der Erfindung
- V ☒ Begründete Feststellung nach Artikel 33(2) hinsichtlich der Neuheit, der erfinderischen Tätigkeit und der gewerblichen Anwendbarkeit; Unterlagen und Erklärungen zur Stützung dieser Feststellung
- VI ☐ Bestimmte angeführte Unterlagen
- VII ☐ Bestimmte Mängel der internationalen Anmeldung
- VIII ☐ Bestimmte Bemerkungen zur internationalen Anmeldung

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I. Grundlage des Berichts

Grundlage dieses Berichtes sind die Anmeldungsunterlagen in der ursprünglich eingereichten Fassung.

V. Begründete Feststellung nach Regel 68.2(a)(ii) hinsichtlich der Neuheit, der erfinderischen Tätigkeit und der gewerblichen Anwendbarkeit

In Anbetracht der im internationalen Recherchenbericht angeführten Unterlagen wird festgestellt, daß die Erfindung, wie sie in den Ansprüchen gekennzeichnet ist, die in Artikel 33(1) PCT aufgeführten Kriterien erfüllt, d.h. als neu, als auf erfinderischer Tätigkeit beruhend und als gewerblich anwendbar anzusehen ist.